

Frederick Peak Golf Course Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

Frederick Peak Golf Course clubhouse

June 13th, 2022

A regular meeting of the Frederick Peak Golf Course Board was held on June 13th, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Frederick Peak Golf Course clubhouse, the same notice of meeting was given according to law. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. A public Information Agenda Packet was available at the public information table. Notice of Open Meetings Act was provided as required by law.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by president Balliet.

Board members Balliet, Getty, Wackler, and Henstrom were present to begin the meeting. Renning would join later. Frederick Peak employees Fuehrer and Limbach were also present.

Wackler made a motion to approve the past minutes, Getty seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

During public comment, Zane Limbach spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is concerned that the tournament fee is too much for them to afford as a fundraiser. Their tournament is on July 23rd and they are expecting a full field of 80 players. Limbach stated that the Chamber operates as an arm of the City of Valentine, but does not receive any benefits from the City. He proposed that as part of the City, they should possibly receive a discounted or no cost rate, as it does not make sense for the City to rent from itself.

In clubhouse reports, Limbach reported that the course did \$98,000 in sales from May 10th to June 12th. Nearly \$10,000 came in on Memorial Day weekend. The Highway Superintendents outing brought in around \$4,000 on a Tuesday. Revenue is on pace to exceed the 2020 record year. New corporate memberships reviewed were Cherry County Hospital and Mission John Deere. In events, the Highway Superintendents plan to come back for at least the next 4 years. There was no ladies tournament in early June, but they may still hold one on August 13th. Might make it into a ladies or couples weekend event. Limbach was concerned about prices of bottled soda and beer. She said that margins have dropped substantially with price increases this year. We may have to adjust prices when we look at the budget for next fiscal year.

In grounds, Fuehrer reported that the course was looking good. The seed was filling in and he had placed some sod on 3. The irrigation system was all good. Fuehrer noted that the City Council had voted down a proposal to give the City of Valentine Employees free access to the golf course, which puts Frederick Peak at a competitive disadvantage as an employer for the time being. Equipment had mostly been good, besides some caster wheels needing to be replaced on the rough mowers and range picker.

Next on the agenda was vendor relations with Sysco. Board member Hernstrom removed herself from the room due to conflict of interest. Limbach presented the situation to the golf board. She stated that the City Clerk does not want us to order from Sysco. She thinks it is maybe based on a past relationship. There was a past issue with a tax exempt form, but that issue has been resolved. Fuehrer reported that the golf course has recently received invoices from Sysco with no tax. Limbach and Fuehrer stated that they'd like to do business with Sysco because they offer more options for customers. They also pointed out that it is good to have multiple food vendor options right now with all of the supply chain issues. The golf board discussion centered around doing business with the best options for the golf course. The golf board feels that the golf course should have the right to choose who to do business with. Getty made a motion on behalf of the golf board to give Fuehrer and Limbach the right to choose to do business with any vendor of their choice to fulfill the best interest of the golf course and customers. Wackler seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Next was a discussion on cart usage (Hernstrom rejoined the meeting, and Renning arrived). A concerned member of the public made a comment to Balliet that they thought all cart seats should be filled. For example, single golfers should wait for other single golfers and be paired together to maximize cart seats. The board discussed and decided this was not much of a concern. It is up to the discretion of the clubhouse attendant, as the course usually is not busy enough to have issues with cart seats. It is also hard to enforce without a marshal on the course.

With no further business, Renning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Balliet seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

